

Alaska's College Readiness Assessment

SAT[®]

House Bill 278, or The Education Act, requires all students to take a college-readiness or career-readiness assessment (CCRA) to earn a high school diploma. The approved college-readiness assessments are the ACT and the SAT; the approved co-readiness assessment is WorkKeys. This document provides an overview of the SAT assessment with links for students, parents and educators to become more familiar with this college readiness assessment.

The SAT is a college admission test that provides college-readiness information to students, families and colleges. Students are required to take the three sections in the SAT: Mathematics, Critical Reading, and Writing.

Mathematics	70 minutes total: one 20 minute section, two 25 minute sections.	<p>The mathematics questions require students to apply mathematical concepts and to use data literacy skills in interpreting tables, charts, and graphs. They cover skills in four major areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers and operations • Algebra and functions • Geometry and measurement • Data analysis, statistics, and probability
	10 student produced responses; answer choices are not given, students solve and “grid in” answers.	
	44 multiple choices questions.	
Critical Reading	70 minutes total: one 20 minute section, two 25 minute sections	<p>The critical reading questions are all multiple choice. They can have one of two formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence completion • Passage-based reading with long and short excerpts from works in natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, and literary fiction <p>The questions assess students' reading skills, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying main and supporting ideas • Determining the meaning of words in context • Understanding the authors' purpose • Understanding the structure and function of sentences
	48 passage-based reading questions.	
	19 sentence completion questions.	
Writing	60 minutes total: one 10 minute section, two 25 minute sections	<p>The writing section consists of two types of questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An essay • Multiple-choice questions <p>The multiple-choice questions ask students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize sentence errors • Choose the best version of a piece of writing • Improving paragraphs
	25 improving sentences questions.	
	18 identifying errors in sentences questions.	
	6 improving paragraphs questions.	
	1 essay (present and support a point of view on topic).	

Student resource page: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home?navid=bf-sat>

Parent resource page: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents>

Educator resource page: <http://satresourcecenter.collegeboard.org/sat-toolkit#forcounselorsschools>